# FAUQUIER COUNTY DEMOGRAPHIC FACT SHEET

# **OVERVIEW**

Fauquier County is located approximately 40 miles southwest of Washington D.C. and borders the Washington Standard Metropolitan Statistical Area. The County is bounded to the west by Culpeper and Rappahannock counties, to the south by Stafford County, to the north by Loudoun, Warren, and Clarke counties, and to the east by Prince William County. Fauquier County can be accessed by four major highways including Routes 28, 29, 55, 211 as well as Interstate 66.

Fauquier County is approximately made up of 600 square miles, or 442,000 acres. The incorporated towns of Warrenton, Remington, and The Plains are located within Fauquier County's borders.



### **POPULATION**

Census 2000 reported that Fauquier County's population was 55,139 as of April 1, 2000. This equates to a population density of approximately 92 people per square mile of land. Between 1990 and 2000, the population of the County grew 13.1%. The U.S. Census Bureau estimated that Fauquier County's population on July 1, 2000 was 55,576 and on July 1, 2001 it was estimated to be 57,820. This estimate means that the County's

population grew 4.0 % in one year. The following table identifies the percentage of population growth in the County over the past several decades.

Percentage of Population Growth 1950 - 2000				
Year	Population	Growth Over Previous Decade		
1950	21,248	0.99%		
1960	24,066	13.3%		
1970	26,375	9.6%		
1980	35,889	36.1%		
1990	48,741	35.8%		
2000	55,139	13.1%		

<b>Source:</b> U.S. Department of Commerce, E	Bureau of the Census,
Census 1940-2000.	

Population of Fauquier County and Incorporated Towns April 1, 2000		
Fauquier County: 55,139		
Town of Warrenton: 6,670		
Town of Remington: 624		
Town of The Plains: 266		

**Source:** U.S. Department of Commerce, Bureau of the Census, *Census 2000*.

**Note:** The population of Fauquier County includes the towns of Warrenton, Remington, and The Plains.

Population for Fauquier County and Neighboring Counties				
	199	0 and 2000		
County	1990 Population	2000 Population	Change (number)	Change (percent)
Loudoun	86,129	169,599	83,470	96.9%
Stafford	61,236	92,446	31,210	51.0%
Prince William	215,686	280,813	65,127	30.2%
Culpeper	27,791	34,262	6,471	23.3%
Warren	26,142	31,584	5,442	20.8%
Fauquier	48,741	55,139	6,398	13.1%
Rappahannock	6,622	6,983	361	5.5%
Clarke	12,101	12,652	551	4.6%

Source: U.S. Department of Commerce, Bureau of the Census, Census 2000.

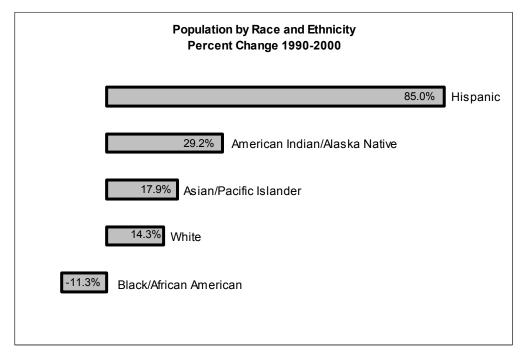
# RACE AND ETHNICITY



Race and Ethnicity					
	1990 Number	1990 % of Total	2000 Number	2000 % of Total	
Total Population	48,741	100.0%	55,139	100.0%	
Reporting One Race	48,741	100.0%	54,404	98.7%	
White	42,657	87.5%	48,740	88.4%	
Black/African American	5,462	11.2%	4,844	8.8%	
Am. Indian/Alaska Native	113	0.2%	146	0.3%	
Asian/Pacific Islander	291	0.6%	343	0.6%	
Other	218	0.5%	331	0.6%	
Reporting Two or More Races	N/A	N/A	735	1.3%	
Hispanic Origin (any race)	602	1.2%	1,114	2.0%	

**Sources:** U.S. Department of Commerce, Bureau of the Census, 1990 Census of Population and Housing Summary Tape File 1A; Census 2000.

**Note:** Hispanic population is an ethnic designation. Persons of Hispanic origin may be of any race.



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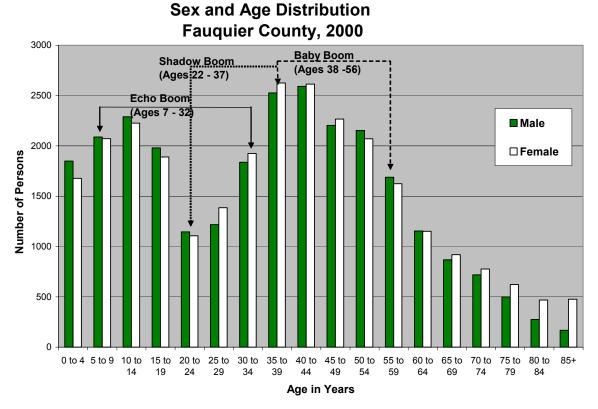
### AGE AND GENDER



According to the 2000 Census, 26.8% of the population is under 18 years of age, while 10.5% is 65 or over. The median age is 37.8. In 1990, the median age was 33.2. This slightly aging population is reflective of the aging "baby boomer" population within the County and nation-wide. Census 2000 also found that 49.4% of the County's population is male and 50.6% is female.

Ages of Population for Fauquier County						
	1980		1990		2000	
Age Group	Population	Percent of Total	Population	Percent of Total	Population	Percent of Total
Under 18 years	11,464	31.9%	13,066	26.8%	14,795	26.8%
18-64 years	21,089	58.8%	31,171	64.0%	34,555	62.7%
Over 65 years	3,336	9.3%	4,504	9.2%	5,789	10.5%

Source: U.S. Department of Commerce, Bureau of the Census, Census 1980- Census 2000.



Source: U.S. Department of Commerce, Bureau of the Census, Census 2000 Summary File 1.

# Housing



Census 2000 indicated that Fauquier had 21,046 housing units as of April 1, 2000. This is an increase of 18.8% from the previous decade. The greatest housing growth occurred between 1970 and 1980.

Total Housing Units				
Year	Housing Units	Growth Over Previous Decade		
1950	5,964	12.7%		
1960	7,305	22.5%		
1970	8,437	15.5%		
1980	12,565	48.9%		
1990	17,716	41.0%		
2000	21,046	18.8%		

Source: U.S. Department of Commerce, Bureau of the Census, Census 1940-Census 2000.

2000 Housing Occupancy and Tenure				
Total Housing Units	21,046	100.0%		
Occupied housing units	19,842	94.3%		
Owner-occupied units	15,113	76.2%		
Renter-occupied units	4,729	23.8%		

Source: U.S. Department of Commerce, Bureau of the Census, Census 2000.

Residence of Population for People Ages 5 Years and Over				
	1990	1990 (% of total)	2000	2000 (% of total)
Total Population 5 Years Old and Over	44,858	100.0%	55,139	100.0%
Same house five years earlier	20,813	46.4%	29,452	57.1%
Different house five years earlier	24,045	53.6%	21,320	41.3%
Same county five years earlier	7,641	17.0%	7,850	15.2%
Different county five years earlier	15,558	34.7%	13,470	26.1%
Same state five years earlier	10,150	22.6%	8,836	17.1%
Different state five years earlier	6,254	13.9%	4,634	9.0%
Elsewhere five years earlier	846	1.9%	794	1.5%

Sources: U.S. Department of Commerce, Bureau of the Census, 1990 Summary Tape File 3; 2000 Census.

Median Value of Owner-Occupied Housing Units, 2000		
Fauquier County	\$162,700	
Virginia	\$125,400	
United States	\$119,600	

Source: U.S. Department of Commerce, Bureau of the Census, Census 2000 Summary File 3.

# HOUSEHOLD COMPOSITION



In April of 2000, there were 19,842 households in the County. Of these households, over 76% were family households and more than 36% were households with children under 18 years old.

Fauquier County's average household size in 1990 was 2.89 and in 2000 it was 2.75. Fauquier County's average family size in 1990 was 3.22 and in 2000 it was 3.14.

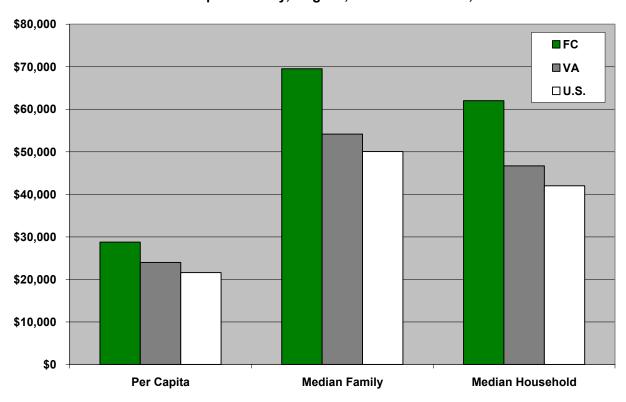
	Household Types: 1990 and 2000					
Household Type	1990	1990 (% of total)	2000	2000 (% of total)		
Total Households	16,509	100.0%	19,842	100.0%		
Family Households	13,266	80.4%	15,140	76.3%		
Family with children	7,065	42.8%	7,168	36.1%		
Married couple with children	6,010	36.4%	5,903	29.8%		
Single female with children	733	4.4%	879	4.4%		
Non-family Households	3,243	19.6%	4,702	23.7%		

**Sources:** U.S. Department of Commerce, Bureau of the Census, 1990 Census of Population and Housing, STF 1A; Census 2000.

### **INCOME AND POVERTY**

According to Census 2000, the 1999 median household income in Fauquier County was \$61,999. The chart below shows that Fauquier County has higher median per capita, median family as well as median household incomes than Virginia and the United States for the year 1999. Census 2000 reported that Fauquier County had an individual poverty rate of 5.4%, which is below the Virginia rate of 9.6% and the U.S. rate of 12.4% for the year 2000.

### Per Capita Income, Median Family Income, and Median Household Income Fauquier County, Virginia, and United States, 1999



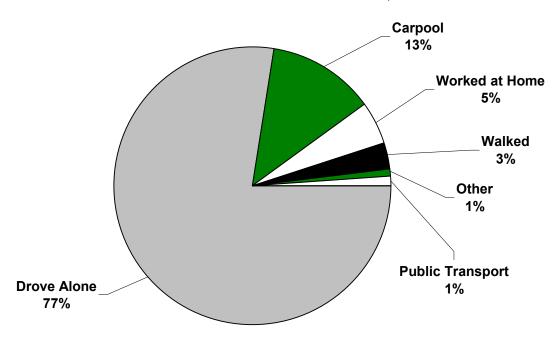
Source: U. S. Department of Commerce, Bureau of the Census, Census 2000 Summary File 3.

# COMMUTING TO WORK



Census 2000 found that 77% of workers 16 years of age and over drive alone to their place of employment, while 13% of workers carpool. Only 1% of workers use public transportation, which is lower than the state average of 3.6%.

# Fauquier County Means of Transportation to Work for Workers 16 Years and Over, 2000



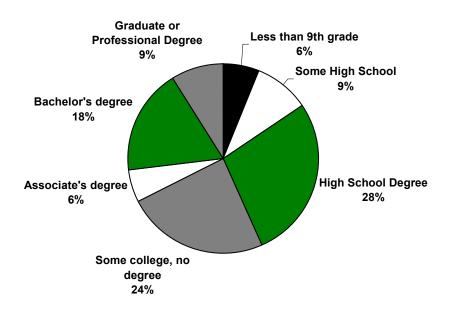
Source: U. S. Department of Commerce, Bureau of the Census, Census 2000 Summary File 3.

#### **EDUCATION**



Census 2000 indicated that 27.1% of Fauquier County's adults had a bachelor's degree or higher, compared to 29.5% in Virginia and 24.4% in the United States as a whole.

# Educational Attainment in Fauquier County, 2000 (Persons 25 years and over)



Source: U. S. Department of Commerce, Bureau of the Census, Census 2000 Summary File 3.

### **EMPLOYMENT AND UNEMPLOYMENT**



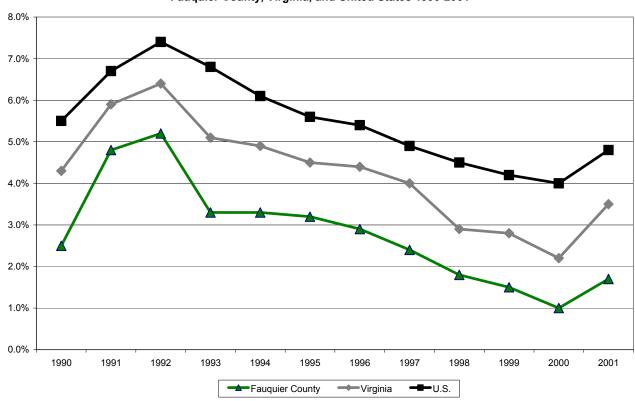
While the number of jobs located in Fauquier County has increased and decreased in the 1990s, data for the past four years indicate that the County has experienced steady growth. According to the Virginia Employment Commission, Fauquier County had 17,715 jobs in 2001.

Unemployment rates for Fauquier County have reflected the cyclical trends that Virginia and the United States as a whole have experienced, however at lower levels. In June 2002, Fauquier County had a civilian labor force of 31,615 and an unemployment rate of 2.8%.

At-P	At-Place Employment Annual Averages				
Year	At-Place Employment	Change from			
	(Annual Averages)	previous year			
1990	14,092	318			
1991	13,847	-245			
1992	13,583	-264			
1993	13,753	170			
1994	14,216	463			
1995	14,725	509			
1996	15,143	418			
1997	15,110	-33			
1998	15,325	215			
1999	16,084	759			
2000	17,138	1054			
2001	17,715	577			

Source: Virginia Employment Commission, ES-202 data.

Unemployment Rates
Fauquier County, Virginia, and United States 1990-2001



Source: Virginia Employment Commission, LAUS data.

### RELEVANT LINKS

### U.S. Census Bureau Homepage <a href="http://www.census.gov">http://www.census.gov</a>

The U.S. Census Bureau is the country's main source of social, demographic, and economic statistics. Look at their County Population Estimates Page for quick information such as the 100 fastest growing counties in the country. <a href="http://eire.census.gov/popest/data/counties.php">http://eire.census.gov/popest/data/counties.php</a>
American Fact Finder is great for accessing 1990 and 2000 Census data.

<a href="http://factfinder.census.gov/servlet/BasicFactsServlet">http://factfinder.census.gov/servlet/BasicFactsServlet</a>
Check out the Profile of General Demographic Characteristics 2000 for Fauquier County. This contains well-presented data tables full of interesting facts. <a href="http://censtats.census.gov/data/VA/05051061.pdf">http://censtats.census.gov/data/VA/05051061.pdf</a>

### Bureau of Economic Analysis <a href="http://www.bea.gov/">http://www.bea.gov/</a>

A bureau in the U.S. Department of Commerce that provides key economic data and analysis.

#### Bureau of Labor Statistics <a href="http://stats.bls.gov/">http://stats.bls.gov/</a>

This bureau in the U.S. Department of Labor keeps track of and provides a variety of statistical information, such as on employment and unemployment.

### Weldon Cooper Center for Public Service <a href="http://www.virginia.edu/coopercenter/">http://www.virginia.edu/coopercenter/</a>

This is a research organization at the University of Virginia that focuses on the Commonwealth of Virginia. Their **Demographics and Workforce Page** contains user-friendly1990 Census and 2000 Census data tables. http://www.ccps.virginia.edu/demographics

# Virginia Employment Commission <a href="http://www.vec.state.va.us/">http://www.vec.state.va.us/</a>

The website for the VEC has a wealth of information such as monthly and annual unemployment data and a variety of labor statistics for Virginia and areas within Virginia.

### Virginia Center for Health Statistics <a href="http://www.vdh.state.va.us/stats/index.htm">http://www.vdh.state.va.us/stats/index.htm</a>

Try this site for data on birth rates, death rates, and other public health statistics.

### Rappahannock-Rapidan Regional Commission <a href="http://www.rrregion.org/">http://www.rrregion.org/</a>

This organization provides statistical information and analysis on Fauquier County and its neighboring counties.